



AMERICAN EMBASSY, NEW DELHI, INDIA

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER: 12-013

OPEN TO: All Interested Candidates

POSITION: Political Specialist, FSN-1605-11, DLA-100014
(Personal Services Agreement)

OPENING DATE: February 14, 2012

CLOSING DATE: February 28, 2012

WORK HOURS: Full-time; 40 hours/week

SALARY: Not Ordinarily Resident (NOR) - Grade: FP-04
Ordinarily Resident (OR) - Grade: FSN-11*
*Starting salary will be determined on the basis of qualifications and experience, and/or salary history.

ALL ORDINARILY RESIDENT (OR) APPLICANTS (See Definitions) MUST HAVE THE REQUIRED WORK AND/OR RESIDENCY PERMITS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR CONSIDERATION.

The U.S. Embassy in New Delhi is seeking an individual for the position of Political Specialist in the Political Section.

Applicants must apply on U.S. Mission Application Employment Form and specify the vacancy announcement number. Applications not completed on U.S. Mission Application Employment Form, or without reference to a specific vacancy number will not be accepted. Only completed forms will be accepted. (Refer to application procedure below)

Only applicants who are selected for the interview will be contacted.

BASIC FUNCTIONS OF POSITION

The incumbent is the Mission's principal advisor and Mission outreach coordinator on global issues including human rights, religious freedom, trafficking, refugees, narcotics, and other social issues. Responsible for providing guidance and direction to American officers, including the Minister Counselor for Political Affairs, to ensure appropriate understanding and management of global issues.

- Serve as principal advisor in the following areas as mentioned below:

Human Rights: Required to independently monitor developments, conduct research, verify facts, and prepare exhaustive reports and cables on human rights issues. In addition must analyze political, social, and economic trends and ascertain progress and setbacks in the promotion of the right of the disabled, national/racial/ethnic minorities, and refugees, as well as freedom of speech, press and the Internet.

Religious Freedom: Work closely with the senior employee, who is the Mission's labor advisor. Trafficking in person has become major and extremely sensitive issue between the U.S. Government and the Government of India; the incumbent will track developments and analyze the impact on state and national politics and U.S. Government policies.

Refugees: Responsible for developing and maintaining contact with political figures, non-government organizations, and U.S. Government counterparts with equities in refugee issues.

Global Issues Forum: As the Mission's historical knowledge base for the Global issues Forum, the incumbent is a liaison to various mission offices. Will assist the Political Section with coordinating the annual global issues forum, coordinate with various mission offices to obtain status updates on the various Global Issues Forum.

Narcotics: Responsible for preparing factual and analytical reports on Government of India policies and practices related to India's licit opium and precursor chemical industries, on drug abuse and drug prevention strategies and on illicit narcotics issues.

Communication/Writing: Serve as primary drafter for the India and Bhutan Human Rights, Religious Freedom and Trafficking in persons reports mandated by the U.S. Congress and made available for worldwide audiences. Continually update old cases, researches, monitor and report on abuse by government-controlled law-enforcement agencies, military personnel, paramilitary units, rebels/guerrillas, terrorist organizations on the Foreign Terrorist Organization List, societal abuse (such as vigilante action) and inaction or permissive activities taken by the host country law enforcement personnel.

Representational and Biographic: Work closely with the Political and Protocol sections to devise appropriate guest lists for the Political Section, Ambassador, and senior Executive and Legislative branch visitors that expose U.S. officials to the widest possible range of informal and influential Indian opinion.

Visitor: Support all aspects of VIP visits coordination, including scheduling, site officer duties, logistics and protocol. An important corollary duty is development of representational guest lists for coffees, dinners, and receptions at Roosevelt House or the Minister Counselor for 'Political Affairs' house.

A copy of the complete position description listing all duties and responsibilities is available in the Human Resources Office.

QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED

All applicants must address each selection criterion detailed below with specific and comprehensive information supporting each item.

- University degree (bachelor's level) in Political Science, International Relations, History, International Law or other related field.
- Minimum seven years of professional experience in the Political section of a diplomatic Mission or such similar international organization and progressively responsible experience with a distinguished record of accomplishments in social research, social justice, human rights or newspaper reporting.
- Levels IV (Fluent) in English and Hindi are required. (Speaking/ Reading/ Writing).
(When applying for the position, please indicate your level of proficiency for these languages).
- Expertise in MS Office (Word, Excel, Outlook, PowerPoint) and general database systems; including the Internet.

SELECTION PROCESS

When fully qualified, U.S. Citizen Eligible Family Members (USEFMs) and U.S. Veterans are given preference. Therefore, it is essential that the candidate specifically address the required qualifications above in the application.

ADDITIONAL SELECTION CRITERIA

1. Management will consider nepotism/conflict of interest, budget, and residency status in determining successful candidacy.
2. Current employees serving a probationary period are not eligible to apply.
3. Current Ordinarily Resident employees with an Overall Summary Rating of Needs Improvement or Unsatisfactory on their most recent Employee Performance Report are not eligible to apply.
4. Currently employed U.S. Citizen EFMs who hold a Family Member Appointment (FMA) are ineligible to apply for advertised positions within the first 90 calendar days of their employment.
5. Currently employed NORs hired under a Personal Services Agreement (PSA) are ineligible to apply for advertised positions within the first 90 calendar days of their employment unless currently hired into a position with a When Actually Employed (WAE) work schedule.

TO APPLY

Interested applicants for this position should submit the following:

1. Universal Application for Employment as a Locally Employed Staff or Family member (DS-0174) is available on website http://newdelhi.usembassy.gov/job_opportunities.html **or**
2. A current resume or curriculum vitae that provides the same information found on the UAE (see Definitions); **or**
3. A combination of both; i.e. Sections 1 -24 of the UAE along with a listing of the applicant's work experience attached as a separate sheet; **plus**
4. Candidates who claim U.S. Veterans preference must provide a copy of their Form DD-0214 with their application. Candidates who claim conditional U.S. Veterans preference must submit documentation confirming eligibility for a conditional preference in hiring with their application.
5. Any other documentation (e.g., essays, certificates, awards) that addresses the qualification requirements of the position as listed above.

SUBMIT APPLICATION TO

U. S. Embassy
Human Resources Office
Attention: S/HRO
Shantipath, Chanakyapuri
New Delhi 110 021
or
FAX: 2419-8056
or
E-mail: NewDelhiVacancies@State.gov

POINT OF CONTACT

Telephone: 24198227/8369

Please insert **12-013** (Vacancy Announcement Number) in the Subject of the E-mail. Applications without the Vacancy Number or with incorrect Vacancy Number will not be accepted.

DEFINITIONS

1. **Eligible Family Member (EFM):** An individual related to a U.S. Government employee in one of the following ways:

- Spouse or same-sex domestic partner (as defined in [3 FAM 1610](#));
- Child, who is unmarried and under 21 years of age or, regardless of age, is incapable of self-support. The term shall include, in addition to natural offspring, stepchildren and

adopted children and those under legal guardianship of the employee or the spouse when such children are expected to be under such legal guardianship until they reach 21 years of age and when dependent upon and normally residing with the guardian;

- Parent (including stepparents and legally adoptive parents) of the employee or of the spouse, when such parent is at least 51 percent dependent on the employee for support;
- Sister or brother (including stepsisters and stepbrothers, or adoptive sisters or brothers) of the employee, or of the spouse, when such sibling is at least 51 percent dependent on the employee for support, unmarried, and under 21 years of age, or regardless of age, incapable of self-support.

2. **U.S. Citizen Eligible Family Member (USEFM):** For purposes of receiving a preference in hiring for a qualified position, an EFM who meets the following criteria:

- U.S. Citizen; and,
- EFM (see above) at least 18 years old; and,
- Listed on the travel orders of a direct-hire Foreign, Civil, or uniformed service member assigned to or stationed abroad with a USG agency that is under COM authority, or at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan; and either:
 1. Resides at the sponsoring employee's or uniformed service member's post of assignment abroad or at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan; or
 2. Resides at an Involuntary Separate Maintenance Allowance (ISMA) location authorized under 3 FAM 3232.2.

3. **Appointment Eligible Family Member (AEFM):** EFM (see above) eligible for a Family Member Appointment for purposes of Mission employment:

- Is a U.S. citizen; and
- Spouse or same-sex domestic partner (as defined in [3 FAM 1610](#)) or a child of the sponsoring employee who is unmarried and at least 18 years old; and
- Is listed on the travel orders or approved Form [OF-126](#), Foreign Service Residence and Dependency Report, of a sponsoring employee, i.e., a direct-hire Foreign Service, Civil Service, or uniformed service member who is permanently assigned to or stationed abroad at a U.S. mission, or at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan (AIT), and who is under chief of mission authority; and
- Is residing at the sponsoring employee's post of assignment abroad or, as appropriate, office of the American Institute in Taiwan.
- Does not receive a Foreign Service or Civil Service annuity

4. **Member of Household (MOH):** An individual who accompanies a direct-hire Foreign, Civil, or uniformed service member permanently assigned or stationed at a U.S. Foreign Service post or establishment abroad, or at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan. An MOH is:

- Not an EFM; and,
- Not on the travel orders of the sponsoring employee; and,
- Has been officially declared by the sponsoring USG employee to the COM as part of his/her household.

A MOH is under COM authority and may include a parent, unmarried partner, and other relative or adult child who falls outside the Department's current legal and statutory definition of family member. A MOH does not have to be a U.S. Citizen.

5. **Not Ordinarily Resident (NOR)** – An individual who:

- Is not a citizen of the host country; and,
- Does not ordinarily reside (OR, see below) in the host country; and,
- Is not subject to host country employment and tax laws; and,
- Has a U.S. Social Security Number (SSN).

NOR employees are compensated under a GS or FS salary schedule, not under the LCP.

6. **Ordinarily Resident (OR)** – A Foreign National or U.S. citizen who:

- Is locally resident; and,
- Has legal, permanent resident status within the host country; and,
- Is subject to host country employment and tax laws.

EFMs without U.S. Social Security Numbers are also OR. All OR employees, including U.S. citizens, are compensated in accordance with the Local Compensation Plan (LCP).

If an applicant is submitting a resume or curriculum vitae, s/he must provide the following information equal to what is found on the UAE.

Failure to do so will result in an incomplete application.

- A. Position Title
- B. Position Grade
- C. Vacancy Announcement Number
- D. Date of Birth
- E. Place of Birth
- F. Dates Available for Work
- G. First, Middle, & Last Names as well as any other names used
- H. Current Address, Day, Evening, and Cell phone numbers
- I. U.S. Citizenship Status (*Yes or No*) & status of permanent U.S. Resident (*Yes or No; if yes, provide number*)
- J. U.S. Social Security Number and/or Identification Number
- K. Eligibility to work in the country (*Yes or No*)
- L. Special Accommodations the Mission needs to provide (*Yes or No; if yes, provide explanation*)
- M. If applying for position that includes driving a U.S. Government vehicle, Driver's License Class / Type
- N. Days available to work
- O. List any relatives or members of your household that work for the U.S. Government (include their Name, Relationship, & Agency, Position, Location)
- P. U.S. Eligible Family Member and Veterans Hiring Preference
- Q. Education
- R. License, Skills, Training, Membership, & Recognition

S. Language Skills
T. Work Experience
U. References

CLOSING DATE FOR THIS POSITION: (February 28, 2012)

The U.S. Mission in New Delhi provides equal opportunity and fair and equitable treatment in employment to all people without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, political affiliation, marital status, or sexual orientation. The Department of State also strives to achieve equal employment opportunity in all personnel operations through continuing diversity enhancement programs.

The EEO complaint procedure is not available to individuals who believe they have been denied equal opportunity based upon marital status or political affiliation. Individuals with such complaints should avail themselves of the appropriate grievance procedures, remedies for prohibited personnel practices, and/or courts for relief.